

BEST AT CITY HALL DRAMA

REPORTERS INVITE THE MAYOR TO A DINNER MOSTLY ROAST.

Murphy a Guest—"City Wrecker" Prints an Alleged Diary of the Chief Executive in Which C. F. M. Is Described as Drooping in to Say His Prayers.

The annual dinner of the Association of City Hall Reporters was held last night in the Roman Court of Shanley's restaurant, Forty-second street and Broadway. It was attended by nearly two hundred members and guests. Among those who spoke at the dinner were Mayor Gaylor, comptroller Vandergast, President Mitchell of the Board of Aldermen, Charles L. Murphy, editor of Tammany Hall; Timothy L. Woodruff, publisher of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle; and John H. McCooey, chairman of the Republican county committee.

As is usual at these dinners the heads of the city government were "roasted" either in song or by "stunts" enacted by the members. The "City Wrecker," which comes out once a year, was published in the course of the evening. One of the "featured" stories gave these letters hitherto not extracted from the Mayor's files:

DEAR JUNE: When I sent Yankee Doodle to you I had no idea you would give me Hall Columbia.

The organization has no objection to your appointing Epitaph Commissioner of Police, but the old club gives up his salary and \$1,000. We don't want to be unreasonable, but you mustn't interfere with precedents that were established before you—yes, or McKean either—were born.

Seems to me your game is Hyde and my game is Seal.

DEAR MAYOR: Your invitation to call, which I have not received, is accepted. I don't want any jobs for the boys. Oh, no. I just want to tell you what I think about the bunch of job—about the high class men you have appointed so far.

I'll bring Donahue and a stuffed club. I'll bring Donahue outside.

CHARLIE:

DEAR MR. MAYOR: Thank you very much for a bunch of old words. I wish I could send you some of the same. But I can't. You know in thinking of you I sometimes see in my mind's eye the face of McKean, only I know his is brown and yours is white. You'd better send me a photograph.

These let me know whether you considered my list of names before or after you threw it in the waste basket. C. F. M.

DEAR MR. MAYOR: I desire to call your attention to the fact that Timothy L. Woodruff is the Republican boss of Brooklyn. The Democratic boss, they call me the Democratic boss, but I can't see it.

JOHN H. MCCOOEY.

There is a civil list presenting all the important offices as occupied by somebody named Gaylor.

The "Wrecker" also professed to have a copy of a diary kept by Mayor Gaylor during his first month of office. This was it:

THE DIARY OF A PRESIDENTIAL PORTFOLIO.

January 7—Found a new building; looks like City Hall.

January 8—Called three commissioners and asked them to call.

January 9—Got first glimpse of Willis; Hyde was a fine fellow.

January 10—Gave two jobs to Tammany by mistake.

January 11—Murphy called to say his prayers.

January 12—Waldo to walk across bridge with me every day.

January 13—One three newspapers into libel suits. Good work.

January 14—Walking heavy today; most investigations.

January 15—Sent for Baker eight times today.

January 16—Battered citizens have some rights. See Baker about it.

January 17—Was mistaken; battered citizens have no rights. They call me the Democratic boss, but I can't see it.

January 18—Got a pair of red mittens from Maine.

January 19—Tried for Carnegie medal; rescued General.

January 20—Tried to shirk strike today; supply of strikers will be increased.

January 21—Prominent burglar called; heard him say: "Two cops."

January 22—Gave away a gold pencil.

January 23—Five more papers into libel suits; will have them all in soon.

January 24—Gave flag to Keonessett; had no use for it.

January 25—Don't like the Court House; will order a new one.

January 26—Organized "Say a Kind Word to Murphy" Club.

January 27—Young man named Rockefeller called to borrow \$2,000 from the city.

January 28—Hired Meloney at \$8,000 per.

January 29—Reduced Meloney to \$4,000 per.

January 30—Told Baker to go on a vacation.

January 31—Wrote Baker "Never come back."

January 32—Too busy to keep this up any longer.

John Purroy Mitchell, undersecretary to the Mayor, is credited with passing the following civil service examination (written) on the duties of a Mayor:

General Business On Mare. Tend To Everybody's Business Every way. Work Roughly. Buckling Brins. Twicetwenty. Ce. Murk every Day in Sittie. Hunt. Stoup. Hekt. Battries by Polix on Sittizuna. Se That Ganator of Sittie Haul kept At Durs opin Every Day. Wippe out Perstul Tackles. Korekt Fultin Kuttines Assessments. Gir-away Guld Puncils, and Ware Mituns.

THEATRE FOR HITCHCOCK.

Chinese Playhouse Under His Management, Says His Press Agent.

The Chinese theatre, which has been closed ever since the recent long war between the Four Brothers and the On Leong Tong, will be reopened on the night of February 26 under new ownership. Raymond Hitchcock, who is the star of George Cohan's "The Man Who Sings Broadway," has bought the theatre. Walter J. Kincaid, Hitchcock's press representative and who, according to his own version, will hold the same place at the Chinese theatre that "Mr. Cohan" holds toward the New Theatre, has announced the plans for the new venture last night. The theatre has been entirely redecorated by Lem Gop, Chinese artist. The first play will be "Si Foon Kung," which is English in the presentation of Kiock Chang. Gung Dow Fung is to play the leading female parts. Pong Quai, the various Chinese heroic parts, and Yung Chee will lead the orchestra. The company will number eighteen actors. According to the plans outlined, this well known Chinese melodrama is to be followed by some Chinese translations of Cohan's plays. Billy Kavanaugh and Joe Humphreys will be connected with the house in more or less managerial capacities. Thus the announcement.

To Produce an Oscar Wilde Play.

Constance Crawley in Oscar Wilde's last play, "Mr. and Mrs. Daventry," will appear at the Hackett Theatre beginning on Wednesday evening, February 23, for a limited engagement during John Mason's season at the New Theatre.

"Mr. and Mrs. Daventry" was first produced by Mrs. Patrick Campbell at the Lyceum Theatre, London, about eight years ago.

Miss Crawley, who is now seen for the first time as a star in New York, made her debut in England under the management of Herbert Tree, with whom she played for two seasons.

BUGHER SHOTS HIGHER.

Charges Inspector Hogan and Capt. Morris With Tolerating Gambling.

Acting Police Commissioner Bugher yesterday ordered charges preferred against Inspector William J. Hogan of the First Inspection District, and Capt. Frank J. Morris of the East Fifth street station for failing to suppress gambling and for failing to carry on their suspected list the names of places actually under suspicion.

A specific case is that of the gambling quarters at 30 St. Marks place, which Headquarters men raided last Monday after Hogan and Morris had ignored warnings.

The evidence against the gamblers was obtained by Policemen William Gallagher. Soon after the raid two of Capt. Morris's men, Nelson and Bishop, arrested Gallagher and had him fined for drunkenness.

Acting Commissioner Bugher had the case reopened, proved that Gallagher was drunk at all, and the fine was remitted. In the coming trials of Policemen Nelson and Bishop, Inspector Hogan and Capt. Morris, Mr. Bugher will try to find out whether there was a conspiracy to "break" Gallagher. Hogan became a policeman in 1882, a captain in 1903 and an inspector in 1905. Commissioner Bingham reappointed him to captain in April, 1906, but again made him an inspector on January 4, 1909. He never has been tried for any offence before. Capt. Morris became a policeman on May 12, 1888. Gen. Bingham made him a captain on June 30, 1906.

Mounted Policeman Copeland, son of a former police captain, who is charged with beating a truck driver, will also have to stand trial. Copeland was formerly one of Gen. Bingham's personal aides and has a good reputation in the department.

Lieut. Edward Armstrong, who punched Harry Pollak, a sporting man, in the Hotel Albany on Friday night, is still another who will face charges.

STATEN ISLAND WANTS PARKS.

Stover Willing to Help, but the Suppliants' Estimate Seares Him.

Fourteen Staten Islanders, headed by Borough President Cromwell, had a conference with Park Commissioner Stover yesterday about park matters in Richmond.

The Staten Island men wanted more parks and parkways in their borough and came prepared to show it. President Van Clief of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce unfolded a map showing where 3,000 acres could be acquired.

"That would be about one-tenth the area of Richmond borough, wouldn't it?" the Commissioner asked.

"About that, I should think," responded President Cromwell.

The Commissioner thought the Board of Estimate might balk at the request to purchase so much land all at once.

The delegation agreed with him and it was decided that the park on Staten Island should proceed slowly, as that method promised better success.

"The city does not own a foot of land along the entire shore of Staten Island," the Commissioner Stover said.

"I think this ought to be remedied and I will do all in my power to establish more parks down in your borough, for I believe they are needed."

JOINT FOR CIVIL SERVICE MEN.

Justice Aspinall Enjoins Municipal Commissioners in Health Department.

Justice Aspinall in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday handed down a decision granting a temporary injunction to the action brought by James S. Slavin, a taxpayer, to restrain the Municipal Civil Service Commission from phasing the names of the sanitary superintendent and assistant superintendents in the competitive class of the civil service.

It was claimed by the petitioner that the Commissioners had not given sufficient notice of the intended change, which was adopted October 20, 1909.

Justice Aspinall holds that the notice was insufficient and also that the amendment purports to grade the various positions as compensation only and not as to the duties to be performed. This, the judge, is both unauthorized and not practical.

KINSELLA DROPPED HIMSELF.

Saloon and Real Estate Man Maybe, but No Longer a Fireman.

The records at Fire Headquarters were looked over yesterday to learn of the standing of William Kinsella of Brooklyn, concerning whom Mayor Gaylor wrote to Fire Commissioner Waldo. The Mayor had been informed that Kinsella ran two saloons and a real estate office and applied for the duty of his fire duties.

The department records showed that the busy Brooklyn man was no longer on the payroll, having been dropped last February 11 for over staying a leave of absence without pay which he obtained on January 11. He was a battery man in the fire alarm telegraph bureau and got a month's leave of absence on the plea of sickness. He has not reported for duty since he got the leave.

FIREMEN QUIT ON PENSIONS.

Battalion Chief Heard and Foreman Reinhardt on the Retired List.

Fire Commissioner Waldo put on the retired list at his own request yesterday Battalion Chief Edward A. Heard, who had been in charge of the hospital and training stables, and Foreman George A. Reinhardt of Truck 13. Heard will have a pension of \$1,650 a year and Reinhardt one of \$1,080 a year.

John J. Nanny, who was a battery man in the fire alarm telegraph bureau in the Bronx, was dismissed from the department yesterday after a trial for intoxication while on duty on February 16. He was appointed on May 26, 1898.

BERNARDO REYES RESIGNS.

Governor of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Was Exiled for Running for Vice-President.

MONTREY, Mexico, Feb. 19.—Gen. Bernardo Reyes, who was sent to Europe on a military mission several months ago by President Diaz, has resigned as Governor of the State of Nuevo Leon. His resignation has just reached here from Paris.

It is understood that Gen. Jose Maria Mier, the ad interim Governor, will be elected to succeed him.

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They stop both ways at Kingston, Jamaica, where one may break the journey indefinitely. \$125.00 covers everything on the round trip, except what you spend ashore in sightseeing. \$85.00 to Jamaica and back.

Weekly service from New York, Boston, Philadelphia and New Orleans.

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Metapan, March 3rd

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

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BRIDES, BRIDES, MORE BRIDES

SLEEPY SHIP NEWS OFFICE ROUSES ITSELF TO COUNT 'EM.

Four, 20, 40, 62, 124 Sail on the Oceana and Old Shoes Darken the Air—Nothing Like It Since the Bark Was Left Inside an Iceberg Lake a Fly in Amber

It was sportive in the ship news office. The man with the Van Dyke beard who had pursued whales in his youth in the Antarctic seas and later had told things about them that would have made them spout in derision if they had happened to be off the Battery was spinning a yarn of an iceberg. Nobody was listening except the office boy, who had not heard it before.

It was about an auxiliary whaling bark, the gigantic berg which stretched up into the mist beyond vision and extended fore and aft further than the marine glasses could make out.

After sailing and steaming half a day to find a way of circumventing the berg the skipper discovered a natural arch opening in the berg not any wider than the bark and decided to take a chance of reaching the other side through the opening. When he was about half way through he was horrified to find that the tunnel had closed astern of him and was gradually doing likewise ahead.

Several weeks later other whalers reported having seen a bark frozen in the centre of an enormous berg. There was but one survivor and he was now telling the tale.

"Say, 'Bouché,' Jim, the office boy, remarked, 'what are ye givin' me?' The four afternoon shipnewsers, as the German reporter calls them, muttered drowsily as they turned on the desks. The door opened and a tall young man came in remarking, 'Say, boys, I've got a story for you. Four brides sailed this morning aboard the Quebec Line steamship Oceana.'

The ex-whaler grabbed a telephone and shouted, 'Give me the city desk!'

He got it and spoke thus rapidly and with earnestness: 'Bully story. Twenty brides sail this morning on the Oceana.'

"Don't forget the name of the line," said the tall young man.

"Hundred and thirty-two to see 'em off," the former whaler went on. "Showers of rice and old shoes. Ship all clustered up. Had to call on the police to clear the pier."

The slumberers began to wake. "How many brides did you say there were, Bouché?" asked the first man awake.

After getting the information from the office boy, the man called "Give me the desk." He said that forty brides were sailing and he had the ship dripping rice all the way down to the Battery.

The ex-whaler was not to be outclassed by a mere landman in this manner, so he called again for the city desk and requested the man at the other end of the phone to change his first figures to sixty-two.

The number, called out in foghorn tones, fully aroused a heavy set man whose specialty is sports, but who writes poetry as a recreation (not for the sake of it), and who has achieved the reputation of telephoning the complete news in the morning even if it happens in the afternoon. He got a line on the nature of the "dove coat" story, as he called it, from the tall young man, and then began to make the wires sizzle. "How many brides did you say there were, Bouché?"

Well, my paper will have 124. See, Trevor, how many passengers are there on the Oceana? 325? Well, it's all right. I did not want to put more brides on her than there were passengers.

The Oceana started down the river again. Trucks had backed up at the entrance to the pier laden with rice and old shoes. It was like a snowdrift at the Hippodrome the way that rice fell, and the way the old shoes also fell like nothing ever before seen on or off the stage.

The sporting man himself was hit in the eye by a shoe and he would show the eye to prove it when he arrived at the office. (Say, don't be so damned sceptical, it was a shoe!) Chinamen from a laundry across West street were seen to pick up the rice with shovels. All the ship's scuppers (say, Bouché, is scuppers right?) are running rice and the companionways are choked with old shoes. You've got enough? All right.

The fourth sleeper had sat up and was listening intently. His face showed disgust. He wanted to know the facts in the case. It was the first time he had been known to ask for any, and the other shipnewsers laughed sardonically. The tall young man said he understood there were four brides.

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Women's \$1.50 Silk Gloves

Elbow length, first quality Milanese silk, mousquetaire style, made with double finger tips, in all colors wanted for spring, as well as black and white.

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